of India Limited during the past two years is as under:—

		1989-90	1990-91 (Estimated) (Rs. in crores)
Earnings	— Foreign Exchange	264	290
	— Deemed Foreign Exchange	742	799
		1006	1095
Expenditure	— Foreign Exchange	614	652
	— Deemed Foreign Exchange	150	159
		764	811
Net Saving/Earnings		242	284

(c) The Shipping Corporation of India Limited received proposals from 7 Overseas Shipyards for their two projects during the past one year. Details are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 25)

(d) No, Sir. The Shipping Corporation of India Limited has been earning profit since 1984-85.

(e) Does not arise.

Effect on the income of port trusts due to devaluation

970. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Port Trusts in India have approached Government for permission to switch over to dollar tariffs if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether some of the Port Trusts have decided to levy devaluation surcharge on all vessel-related charges as an interim measure till they are permitted to levy in foreign currency and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent the erosion of the earnings of the Port Trusts due to devaluation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proposals have been received from some of the Port Trusts for notifying vessel related charges in US Dollars. Government have approved in principle that while the vessel related charges will continue to be paid in Rupees, they will be notified in US Dollars and the equivalent rupees collected.

(b) The Ports of Cochin, Visakhapatnam and Bombay have proposed, subject to the approval of Central Government, to levy surcharge on vessel related charges in the range of 20 per cent to 45 per cent as an interim measure but their proposals have not been approved.

(c) There is no erosion in the earnings of the Port Trusts due to devaluation.

Changes in the Shipping Policy

971. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to make large scale changes in the shipping policy; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The salient features may include relaxation in licensing to Indian Shipping Companies to operate on liner routes; Grant of freedom to Shipowners for sale of ships and for application of sale proceeds, after meeting outstanding foreign exchange liabilities for acquiring new ships; encouragement of medium sized shipyards to export fishing trawlers and smaller crafts promotion of ship repair facilities; encouragement to joint venture in ship building; liberalisation of procedures for acquisition of vessels; encouragement of cross border leasing of vessels; grant of permission to shipowners to mortgage ships abroad to raise foreign exchange resources etc.

Construction of rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibil

972. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given its consent for construction of a rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibil near Dibrugarh over the Brahmputra river in Assam;

(b) whether this proposal has been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, by when the construction is likely to be started; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, how Government propose to construct the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present the Central Government has no proposal to construct the bridge.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अधीन प्राइवेट बसें

973. डा० अबरार अहमद :
श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 25 नवम्बर, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 247 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अधीन चलने वाली बसें घाटे में चल रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन बसों को गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र के लिये स्थानान्तरित किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) इस समय दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अधीन कितनी प्राइवेट बसें चल रही हैं और वे किन-किन निबंधनों तथा शर्तों पर चल रही हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) 31-10-1991 की स्थिति के अनुसार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अन्तर्गत 620 प्राइवेट बसें चल रही थीं । दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अन्तर्गत प्राइवेट बसें 1988 से "कमाओ और